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PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

November 10, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 7 – CHAPTER 7.20 BINGO (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval to adopt an ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code Title 7 – Chapter 7.20 Bingo and a resolution establishing an application fee for the Remote Caller Bingo business license.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Introduce, waive reading, and adopt an ordinance (Exhibit A) amending the Los Angeles County Code (County Code) Title 7 – Chapter 7.20 Bingo ("Title 7") to add an ordinance for Remote Caller Bingo and a resolution (Exhibit B) establishing an application fee for the Remote Caller Bingo business license.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Pursuant to a motion Supervisor Don Knabe introduced on February 3, 2015, the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) collaborated with the County Counsel in drafting a proposed ordinance amending Title 7 to provide the authority for licensing Remote Caller Bingo. In Remote Caller Bingo, the caller of the random numbers is located in a separate location and uses audio and video technology to telecast to participating locations.

The TTC reviewed the ordinance with all other departments who will be involved in the process of issuing Remote Caller Bingo business licenses, and appropriate stakeholders.

The proposed ordinance will amend Title 7 to provide the authority for licensing Remote Caller Bingo. In addition, Penal Code Section 326.3 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish an application fee for Remote Caller Bingo by resolution. The attached proposed resolution will establish an application fee in the amount of \$50, which is the same amount authorized by Penal Code Section 326.5(l)(1) for Traditional Bingo. Only qualified charitable organizations may conduct Remote Caller Bingo games. Obtaining a County business license is only the first step in the process of receiving authority to conduct Remote Caller Bingo games, which ends with the approval of the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission). Once a charitable organization receives its County business license, the organization must request authorization from the State of California Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau). The Bureau will review the required documents, including any locally issued licenses submitted by the charitable organization, and make its recommendation to the Commission for final approval.

In order to gain insight on any challenges associated with the deployment of Remote Caller Bingo in other jurisdictions, the TTC contacted the Bureau. According to the Bureau representative, they have not received any complaints related to games which were previously approved.

Additionally, TTC staff contacted 17 California cities and three counties (San Bernardino, Riverside and Solano), which have adopted Remote Caller Bingo ordinances, to obtain feedback on their implementation of the games. Six of the cities (Atascadero, Corona, Los Alamitos, Montebello, Ontario, and San Bernardino) are currently conducting Remote Caller Bingo games and none have received complaints. As of the date of our contact, none of the three counties had held any Remote Caller Bingo games.

Finally, the TTC reached out to several Traditional Bingo operators in the unincorporated jurisdictions of the Supervisorial Districts (with the exception of the Third District, which currently has no licensed operators). We spoke with six operators and they all were supportive of licensing and conducting Remote Caller Bingo.

To assist with the deployment of Remote Caller Bingo, the TTC contacted those departments that currently participate in the application approval process for Traditional Bingo business licenses, which include the departments of Chief Executive Office/Risk Management, Public Works/Building and Safety, Fire, Sheriff, and Regional Planning. The TTC apprised these departments of the proposed ordinance for Remote Caller Bingo and provided them with a copy of the draft ordinance for their review. None of the departments expressed concerns with the ordinance and all stated that they would participate in the approval process for Remote Caller Bingo business license applications as they have with Traditional Bingo.

The attached Exhibit C is a list of the 16 Traditional Bingo operators currently licensed in the unincorporated area of the County. Upon your Board's approval of this ordinance, the TTC will notify these operators that they may apply for a Remote Caller Bingo business license.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no fiscal impact because the business license fee is a cost recovery fee.

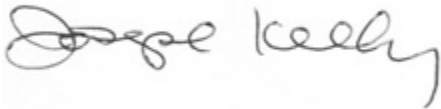
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit A as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Board's approval of the amended ordinance will not have any impact on the current process of issuing business licenses or service fees.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Kelly", is written over a faint, rectangular grid background.

Joseph Kelly
Treasurer and Tax Collector

JK:KG:BR:HP:ms

Enclosures

c: Sheriff
Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Fire Department
Department of Public Works/Building and Safety
Department of Regional Planning
Business License Commission

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION FEE FOR THE
REMOTE CALLER BINGO BUSINESS LICENSE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 326.3, a local jurisdiction is authorized to allow the licensing Remote Caller Bingo; and,

WHEREAS, concurrently with this Resolution, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the licensing of Remote Caller Bingo within the County of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 326.3, Sec. _03.(b), the Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, determine a non-refundable filing fee for the application of a Remote Caller Bingo License; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

(1) The filing fee for the application of a Remote Caller Bingo License shall be fifty dollars (\$50).

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION FEE FOR
THE REMOTE CALLER BINGO BUSINESS LICENSE**

The foregoing resolution was on the 10th day of November 2015, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

By


Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
Interim County Counsel

By



Deputy County Counsel

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Licensed Traditional Bingo Operators in the Unincorporated Area

First District

- 1) Bishop Amat High School, 14301 Fairgrove, La Puente, CA 91746
- 2) San Gabriel Valley YWCA, 510 N. Vineland Ave., La Puente, CA 91746
- 3) St. Martha's Parish, 444 N. Azusa Ave., La Puente, CA 91744
- 4) Knights of Columbus, 4315 N. Vincent Ave., Covina, CA 91722
- 5) St. Alphonsus Parol, 5223 Hastings St., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Second District

- 1) Dominquez Samoan Church, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502
- 2) Vai O Le Ola Congregational Church, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502
- 3) San Rafael Social Club, 1065 W. Lomita Blvd., Harbor City, CA 90710
- 4) Samoan Federation of America, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502

Third District

No licensed Bingo Operator

Fourth District

- 1) Beth Shalom, 14564 E. Hawes St., Whittier, CA 90604
- 2) Senior Center Inc., 1545 Stimson Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
- 3) Victoria Woods Senior Assn., 18600 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748
- 4) Rowland High School Raider Edu, 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748

Fifth District

- 1) Leisure Lake Recreation, 48303 N. 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534
- 2) Acton Community Club Inc., 3748 W. Nickels Ave., Acton, CA 93510
- 3) Pioneer Club of R. Gardens, 6570 W. Avenue L 12, Lancaster, CA 93536